procedures in collection of blood and blood products.

IV. Collection of blood from voluntary donors is being encouraged.

Scheme for Prevention of Deafness

*180. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Science and Technology had started a prevention of deafness scheme in Delhi in 1988; if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far, vis-a-vis the targets laid down; and

(b) whether similar schemes have been launched in the other States; if so, the details thereof and the results obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

However, the Department of Science and Technology has funded in 1986 a project entitled 'Feasibility study for development of a module for Primary and Secondary Prevention of Hearing Impairment in rural areas'. The study envisages prevention at three levels:

—Primary prevention in which healthy habits are being emphasised and unhealthy habits are being deleted by public education.

—Secondary prevention which involves giving of anti-microbial drugs and nose and ear drops to prevent children from getting hearing impaired.

—Tertiary prevention which involves surgery on selected children and giving hearing aid for rehabilitation. The study is in progress.

(b) This module is being tried out as a pilot project in Delhi and Trivandrum only.

1451. [Cancelled]

Manufacture of VCRs and VCPs

1452. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation is likely to manufacture VCRs, and VCPs in the near future;

(b) if so, by when the first lot is expected; and

(c) the likely cost of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) has been asked to submit a Revised Composite application for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs. ET&T is yet to submit the proposal.

1453. [Transferred to the 28th November, 1988]

Hydro-Dynamic Test Facility at Visakhapatnam

1454. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hydro-Dynamic Test Facility Centre at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) started functioning;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent on that Centre during the last three years; and

(c) the amount allocated for the Naval Scientific Technological Laboratory (N.S.T.L.) during 1987-88 and 1988-89?